

## CAPITOL COMMISSION [2499]

### RECORDS, 1909-1918.

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**DESCRIPTION:** The Legislature of 1909 enacted four Capitol Building bills which were approved by the governor on the 11th day of March, 1909. One of these bills, designated Chapter 64 of the Laws of Utah, created a Capitol Commission consisting of seven members including: the Governor, the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, and four members to be appointed by the Governor. The other three bills, Chapters 65, 66, and 67, provided for funds to meet the cost of the building not to exceed \$2,500,000.00. Members of the commission were Governor William Spry, Secretary of State C.S. Tingey, Attorney General A.R. Barnes, John Dern, C.E. Loose, M.S. Browning, and John Henry Smith. The Commission was ". . . authorized, empowered and directed to cause a suitable design, together with plans and Specifications . . . to be prepared for the erection of a State Capitol upon the Capitol grounds in Salt Lake City" ( Laws of Utah, 1909, Chapter 64, Section 4).

This series contains the Capitol Commission's miscellaneous records including: applications for the commission secretaryship and grounds superintendent, original program for the architect competition, a variety of financial records, and petitions and correspondence addressing the issue of utilizing Utah labor and building materials. This collection also contains important correspondence to and from the Capitol Commission concerning the various stages of construction and changes made to the original plans and budget from the general contractor.

The contract for construction of the capitol was awarded to James Stewart and Company of Salt Lake City. This series contains some of his plans for changes in the construction of the capitol building. Ground breaking ceremonies were held December 26, 1912 with construction commencing April 18, 1913. The cornerstone was laid by Governor William Spry on April 4, 1914.

**ARRANGEMENT:** Arranged alphabetically by name or subject and thereunder, chronologically.

**RELATED RECORDS:** BIDS, series 11271, and series 1133 CONTRACTS, while focusing primarily on individual bids submitted by companies and the subsequent contracts awarded by the Capitol Commission, also include related correspondence to and from the Capitol Commission regarding their contractual agreements. This correspondence relates to the Capitol Commissions RECORDS as it mentions the architects competition, commission secretaryship, Stewart and Co., and the use of Utah labor and materials. Series 1134, CAPITOL COMPETITION RECORDS, which contains all of the materials associated with the design competition for the capitol building, includes related information about the Architects Commission and the Program of Competition contained in this series. CORRESPONDENCE, Series 1132, contains perhaps the most related material since it holds all of the commissions daily correspondence with the architect, general contractor and local government. The CORRESPONDENCE also contains an ongoing discussion about Utah labor and the use of local materials for construction of the capitol building. MINUTES, series 11274, and PHOTOGRAPHS, series 11275, provide additional insight into the capitol construction. Series 1131, MINUTES of the Capitol Grounds Commission, holds information on the earlier acquisition and landscaping of the land on which the capitol was built and is related to the applications for Building and Grounds Superintendent.

**PROCESSING NOTE:** This series was transferred to the Utah State Archives in 1958 and processed by Kenneth R. Williams, December 1992. Acidic documents have been removed and replaced with photocopies on acid free paper. This series also contains some photographs and blueprints placed in protective sleeves and photograph folders. The entire series was microfilmed in 1993, and refilmed in 2002 to incorporate documents not originally processed.

## CONTAINER LIST

Reel	Box	Folder	Description
1	1	1	Architects Commission
1	1	2	Building and Grounds Superintendent, applications for, 1890-May 1911
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1	1	5	Columbus Avenue, petition for the opening of
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1	1	7	Official Statement on capitol proposition, 1909

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1	1	8	Program of Competition for capitol architect
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1	1	12	Souvenir Program from formal opening, 9 Oct. 1916
1	1	13	Specifications for capitol construction
1	1	14	Statement of cash balances
1	1	15	Stewart and Co., changes made by
1	1	16	Utah labor and material, petition for the use of